

WI-438
Handy Brown House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1892

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Handy Brown House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-438

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-438

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Handy Brown House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 137 Second Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maurice A. Pinkett and Preston Pinkett

street & number 615 Pearl Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 106, Parcel 1250
liber 990

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 259

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Handy Brown house, located at 137 Second Street, stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of Second and Pearl streets in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story frame house faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Estimated to date around 1890-1900, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, cross-gabled frame house is supported on a covered over brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing.

The northwest (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a cross gabled, shed roof porch covering the first floor. The center entrance is fitted with a partially glazed front door, and to each side are two-over-two sash windows. The second floor is defined by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a smaller sized two-over-two sash. The edge of the roof is finished with a slightly extended eave. The roofline is pierced by a pair of stuccoed brick stove flues that flank the center staircase.

The northeast and southwest gable ends are defined by single two-over-two sash windows on each floor. A two-over-two sash window lights the attic as well.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing that is extended by shed roofed additions.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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¹ Interview with Eugenie Pinkett Shields, 8 May 1999.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 9/287, 15 October 1892

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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Handy Brown House
137 Second Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 1250

990/259 Mary Brown Pinkett, by attorney Howard Brown

to

4/11/1983 Maurice A. Pinkett
Preston Pinkett

JWTS 441/178 Richard H. Hodgson
Catherine A. Hodgson

to

10/14/1957 Howard Brown
Edna Pinkett Brown

441/176 J. Edgar Harvey, trustee

to

12/31/1935 Richard H. Hodgson
Default on mortgage from Arthur F. Winder and Georgia
A. Winder, 9/24/1930, IDT 165/167

IDT 158/252 Mary T. Brown, widow, et al.

to

4/25/1929 Arthur F. Winder
"Disharoon Lot" being land of which Handy Brown died
siezed and which upon his death descended unto Mary
T. Brown et al.

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Chain of title continued

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JTT 9/287

John Boznango
Johanna Boznango

to

10/15/1892

Handy Brown
\$350 lot or parcel of ground with improvements

FMS 5/380

William H. Riggin
Lucy V. Riggin

to

1/9/1890

John Boznango
\$300 "Disharoon Lot"

5860 1 NW
(HEBRON)

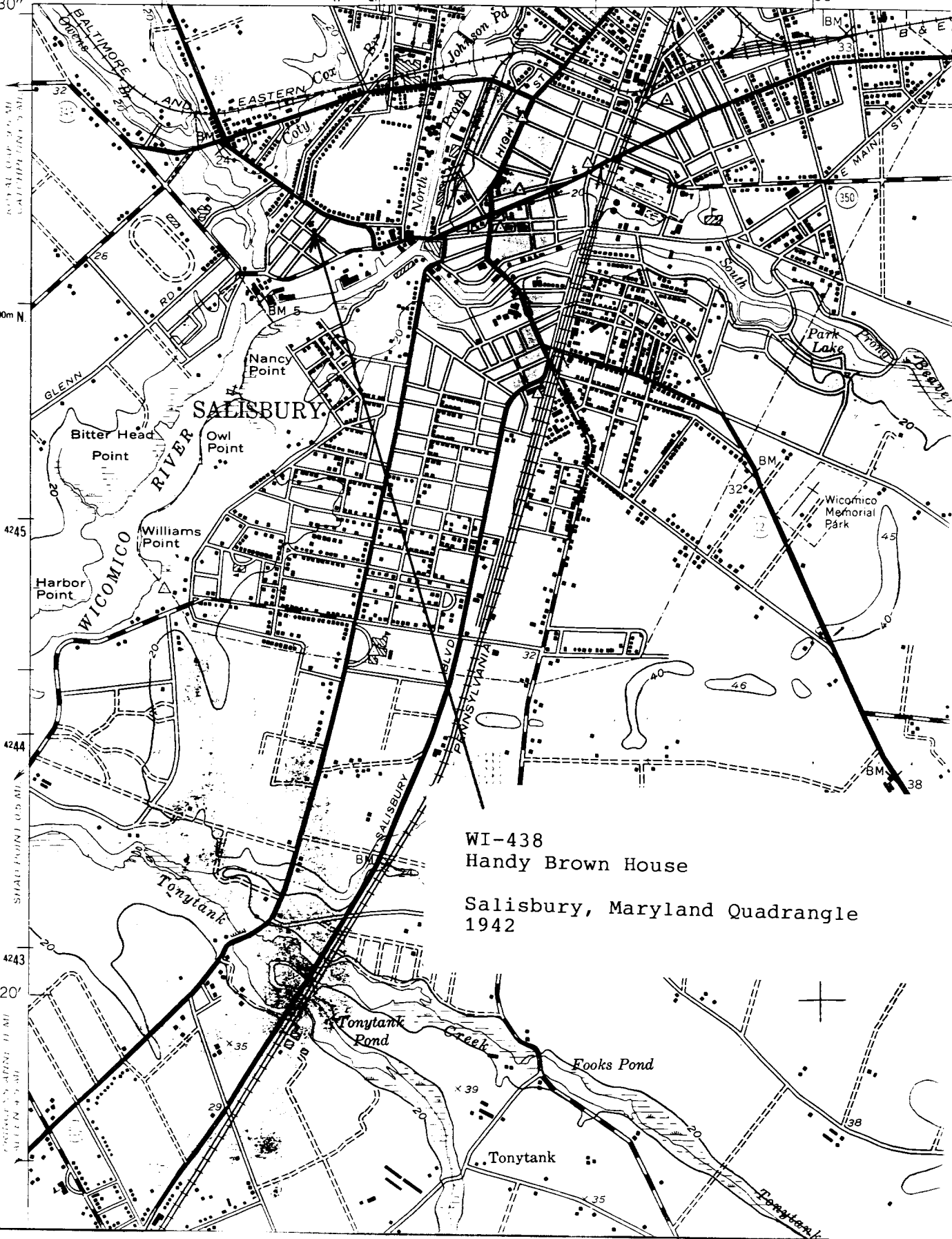
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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38°22'30"

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4246000m N



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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



